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Urban & Community Forestry Program Nevada Division of Forestry 2525 South Carson Street Carson City NV 89701-5502

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGISTER NOW FOR A FREE URBAN FORESTRY GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

Grant Applications are now available for the Nevada
Division of Forestry- Urban and Community Forestry Grant
Program and the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)
Arborist Certification Exam Fees

<u>Proposal due date</u>: by 12:00 p.m. (noon), Wed., April 16, 2003. <u>Location</u>: Nevada Division of Forestry, 2525 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5502.

2003 GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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Carson City/Reno Area: 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2003



Elko: 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2003



Las Vegas: 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 12, 2003

RANT WRITING ASSISTANCE. With increased competition for grant money, producing a concise, well-written proposal will definitely improve your chances of receiving a grant. The Nevada Urban & Community Forestry Program is hosting free grant writing workshops in Elko, Las Vegas and the Carson City/Reno area. Additional workshops will be held in other communities upon request and with a minimum of six attendees. These workshops provide participants with keys to planning a successful Urban Forestry project and proposal.

CALL NOW FOR A GRANT APPLICATION OR TO REGISTER FOR A WORKSHOP

Susan Stead, Urban Forestry Coordinator – Carson City, (775) 684-2506 Lisa Calderwood, Community Forester, Southern Region–Las Vegas, (702) 486-5123 John Christopherson, Forest Health Specialist, Western Region–Eastlake, (775) 849-2500, Ext. 243 Tony Dietz, Community Forester, Northern Region–Elko, (775) 738-3454 Pat Rowley, Nev. Cooperative Extension-Urban Forestry Program–Reno, (775) 784-1447

2003 URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT FUNDING

The Nevada Division of Forestry-Urban and Community Forestry Program (NDF-U&CF) is pleased to announce the availability of funding for community forestry projects promoting sustainable urban forests through planning, planting and education. The objective of the grant program is to assist Nevada communities develop, manage and implement their urban forestry programs, increase public awareness of tree benefits, provide tree-care education, and involve citizen volunteers in urban forestry programs.

Funding is also available for the **International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Arborist Certification Exam Fee** and travel costs for tree workers and other eligible applicants from communities of less than 40,000 population. Applicants are encouraged to attend an ISA Exam in Elko tentatively scheduled for fall of 2003.

Applications for the Urban and Community Forestry Grant and the ISA Arborist Certification Exam fee funding are available from the Nevada Division of Forestry or Cooperative Extension at one of the telephone numbers listed on the reverse of this page.

ADMINISTERED BY	Nevada Division of Forestry–Urban and Community Forestry Program.
FUNDS AVAILABLE	Minimum grant request - \$500. Maximum grant request for community forestry management planning & tree assessment projects - \$8,000. Maximum grant request for all other proposals - \$5,000.
APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY	State, county, city and town units of government, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, civic or volunteer groups, and tribal governments. Tree care businesses and all entities listed above from communities of less than 40,000 population are eligible for the ISA Arborist Certification Exam Fee award.
PROJECT REQUIREMENTS	a) Tree planting and renovation must be on public (but non-federal) property and include a three-year maintenance plan approved by the entity responsible for maintenance.
Additional project requirements are listed on the Grant Information sheet in the Grant	b) Grant funds must be matched equally, or exceeded, with non-federal source funding, in-kind contributions or services, and/or the value of volunteers.
	c) Tree planting projects must have volunteer involvement and an education component. Prior to tree planting, tree planters must receive grantor sponsored tree training.
Application Package.	d) Project must solve a specific problem.
EXAMPLES OF URBAN FORESTRY PROJECTS	Highest priority projects include ISA Arborists Certification, long-range community forestry management planning, tree assessment projects, and beautification/tree board development.
	Of high priority are educational and outreach efforts related to urban forestry such as community forestry management planning, tree care, tree selection, and historical or big trees.
Additional eligible projects and eligible and ineligible costs are listed in the Grant Application Package.	Other priority projects include tree planting or tree renovation projects such as activities to celebrate local, state, or national events (Arbor Day, Nevada Shade Tree Week, Make a Difference Day, Nevada Day, Tree City USA), street tree plantings, tree groves, gateway beautification, urban conservation plantings (windbreaks, urban riparian corridors), tree renovation, irrigation system installation or renovation, demonstration projects and outdoor classrooms. Costs related to workshops, public service announcements, distribution/development of educational materials or programs, signage, tree inventory, trees, some shrubbery,
	mulch, irrigation, and ISA exam fees and selected travel are eligible for funding.
GRANT TIMELINES	 Proposal must be received at the NDF Carson City Office no later than 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2003. Faxed or late proposals will not be considered. Applicants will be notified of funding approval on or before Monday, May 23, 2003. Tentative final approval and project start date is July 1, 2003. Projects must be completed by June 30, 2004. A final report, an expense and grant match budget with documentation, and a final
	reimbursement request are due within 60 days of project completion.

The NDF Urban & Community Forestry Program is funded by the USDA Forest Service and delivered in partnership with the Nevada Cooperative Extension and the Nevada Shade Tree Council. NDF and its partners are equal opportunity servers.